

Computing and Telecommunications Architecture Policy

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Purpose

The computing and telecommunications architecture is a comprehensive set of standards and guidelines to help agencies manage their computing and telecommunications resources. Telecommunication architecture is largely concerned with wiring and cabling standards that determine how a site will be prepared to carry the traffic generated by the computing architecture.

Statutory Authority

The provisions of RCW 43.105.041 detail the powers and duties of the ISB, including the authority to develop statewide or interagency information services and technical policies, standards, and procedures.

Scope

This policy applies to all executive and judicial branch agencies and educational institutions, as provided by law, that operate, manage, or use IT services or equipment to support critical state business functions.

Exemptions

None.

Policy

State agencies shall comply with standards adopted under this policy. These standards are consistent with the state's intent to provide citizen access to government information

and services. The standards are based on recognized national and international standards including: the American National Standards Institute, National Institute of Standards, the Federal Information Processing Standard, the Electronic Industries Alliance and the Telecommunications Industry Association Standards.

Maintenance

Technological advances and changes in the business requirements of agencies will necessitate periodic revisions to policies, standards, and guidelines. The Department of Information Services is responsible for routine maintenance of these to keep them current. Major policy changes will require the approval of the ISB.